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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Operations

SUBJECT: Russian-English Scientific and Technical Dictionary

1. Attached herewith are the following papers bearing upon subject external research project: Memorandum to AD/IC from AD/SI; final report on project NSF-C5, dated 6 August 1953; "A Glossary of Russian Technical Terms Used in Metallurgy," 1953. The memorandum from [] may be summarized: "What, if anything, can be salvaged from this disappointing project?"

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2. I recognize keenly, and I am sure that you do too, that I have no competence in this field. However, I come to these conclusions: By and large I would leave the development of lexicographical materials to those engaged in training in foreign languages in the Agency on the one hand, and to those who, under our current organization, are responsible for translating and exploiting foreign language materials.

3. It would be helpful if you would ask FDD to review this material in such depths as they wish. Perhaps they will agree with my conclusion that there is little to be salvaged and that the best thing to do is to forget as quickly as possible this expedition into interesting but unproductive "support activities" for intelligence research. If you or your people do not agree with this conclusion, may I have the benefit of your recommendations?

4. Needless to say, settling this matter is not urgent, but if we could come to a conclusion in two or three weeks it would be appreciated.

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